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BANDWIDTH FOR A NETWORK PROCESSOR  
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the FINAL Office Action mailed October 20, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.